

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An ink jet recording device is provided comprising a head recovering unit for operating for recovering a discharge function of an ink jet
5 recording head, a cap member disposed on the head recovering unit to tightly close ink discharge ports, a recording medium conveying mechanism for conveying a recording medium, and a connecting unit for
10 switching transmission and non-transmission of a driving force to the head recovering unit in conjunction with a capping operation of the cap member, and makes it possible to provide a drive switching mechanism which is convenient and highly
15 reliable, reduce a number of driving source and realize a recording apparatus having a high reliability at a low cost while saving a space.